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THE
VISIONS
OF
AARON,

The SON of

ADRIEL,

Which he saw concerning the RISE and FALL
of the SISTER-NATIONS.

O thou that dwellest upon many Waters, abundant in Treasures, thine End is come, and the Measure of thy Covetousness.
JER. Chap. li. v. 13.

Thy Watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb Dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber; yea, they are greedy Dogs, which can never have enough: They all look to their own Way, every one for his Gain from his Quarters.
ISA. Chap. lvi. v. 10, 11.

The Leaders of this People cause them to err, and they that are led of them are destroyed.
Ibid. Chap. ix. v. 16.

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THE Visions of AARON the Son of ADRIEL, which he saw concerning the Days to come, and the Years of Futurity, even the distant Ages which are yet afar off.

Which the Son of *Adriel* saw in the Days of his Captivity, when *Judah* was carried Captive by the *Romans*, even when the Remnant of *Israel* was dispersed Abroad over the Face of the Earth; when they had neither Place nor Nation left under Heaven; when *Jerusalem* was razed to the Foundation, and the Buildings thereof were made a Dunghill; even in the Reign of *Vespasian* the Emperor, when the Son of *Adriel* was Captive in *Rome*, that great City, the Mistress of the World.

As I *Aaron* the Son of *Adriel* was musing on the Banks of the *Tiber*, the Spirit came upon me, and my Mind was abstracted from Things past, and from Things present, and I saw in a Vision the Wonders of the Time to come.

And suddenly there appeared before me the mighty GENIUS of *Rome*, and my Heart was filled with Awe and Reverence, for great was the Majesty of the *Phantom*.

And after him came two other *Phantoms*, of a gaudy and delicate Appearance, but inferior Dignity; and they approached and communed with the *Genius*, and became acquainted with him; and he embraced them, and they all with one Accord cried out, "We will be Friends, and live together as Brethren."

And I saw, and behold the Countenance of the *Genius* was immediately changed, and the Majesty thereof became Dejectedness. He reclined his hoary Head on his Breast, and presently his Bulk, which was noble, and of a towering Height, far exceeding the Stature of the Giants of old, began to dwindle

away, and to shrivel up till it became as a Dwarf among the common Race of Men.

And now this wondrous Object, which had excited Fear and Reverence within me, became contemptible before my Eyes; and while I was musing on the strange Metamorphoses, behold a *priestly Figure* appeared, superstitiously habited, his Crown shaven, his Beard long, and his Head uncovered; his Body was large, exceeding fat, unweildy, of a lazy Deportment, and he was cloathed with a loose black Garment; he held the Crofs of the *Nazareens* in one Hand, and a Necklace of Beads in the other: And these Words were written on his Forehead, in large and leaden Characters; namely,

IDLENESS, HYPOCRISY, IGNORANCE, SUPERSTITION.

And the *Figure* approached towards the *Genius*, and the two *Phantoms* his Friends; whereupon the *Genius* waxing fearful, would have escaped by Flight; but the two *Phantoms*, even his two false Friends, with whom he had so lightly associated himself, laid Hands on him, and held him fast, and delivered him up unto the *Phantom* with the Crofs and Necklace of Beads.

And this *Phantom* laid his Hands on the *Genius*, who, at the Touch thereof immediately dwindled away more than before, and was shriveled up till he became small as an Infant; and when he was thus reduced, the *Figure* swallowed up the *Genius*, even the mighty and warlike *Genius of Rome*.

But this devouring *Phantom* offered no Violence to the two other *Phantoms* who had betrayed the *Genius* into his Hands, for they seemed to be in League with him, and they and the *priestly Figure* communed freely together, as one Friend communeth with another.

And while the three *Phantoms* were rejoicing because of the Destruction of the *Genius*, behold a Chariot appeared, drawn by four wonderful Beasts, whose Names were written in their Foreheads.

And the Name of the first was *Pride*, the Name of the second *Avarice*, the Name of the third *Gluttony*, and the Name of the fourth was *Lust*. Moreover, there was another *Phantom* that drove the Chariot, and his Name was *Ambition*.

And the *Phantom* that devoured the *Genius*, and the two *Phantoms* which delivered him up, ascended the Chariot and were drawn with great Swiftnesse towards the mighty City, even the City of *Rome*, crying out, as the Chariot drove away, "The World is given unto us, and the Glory thereof is ours."

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And when they were gone, behold another Appearance. A glorious Youth, in heavenly Rayment, of a lovely Aspect, came to me, and *Beneficence* sat in his Countenance.

And he spake affably unto me, and said, " Son of *Adriel*, knowest thou the Meaning of all that thou hast seen ? "

Then spake I unto the bright Appearance, saying, " No, my Lord, I wot not the Meaning of all that I have seen ; yet this I know, that the mighty *Genius* of *Rome* appeared before me ; but the rest is all a Mystery unto thy Servant. Nevertheless I know thou can'st shew me the Meaning of all ; for surely thou art none other than the Messenger of Heaven ! "

And he answered and said unto me, " I am *Ithuriel*, sent to communicate unto thee what shall happen unto this great City, even unto *Rome*, the haughty Mistress of the Earth ; and to shew thee also what great Things shall come to pass in the North, and in the West ; what mighty Nations shall arise, Nations mightier than *Rome* herself, and also what Revolutions shall happen among them.

" Thou sawest the *Genius* of *Rome* alone, great, and fair, and flourishing ; but when two others came and associated with him, his Substance shrunk and dwindled away, his Greatness left him, and he became contemptible in thy Sight.

" The two that came to him, were *Luxury*, the Offspring of *Wealth*, and *Effeminacy* the Offspring of *Luxury*. These shall quickly sink the Greatness of the *Roman* Empire, so that *Rome* herself shall dwindle beneath the Nations that are now numbered among her Provinces. Her Sons, once the Terror and the Lords of the Earth, shall fall into a general Dissoluteness of Manners, and shall become a Prey to every Invader.

These Things shall quickly come to pass, for the Measure of the *Roman* Iniquity is already full, and her Judgment is not afar off.

And in those Days, the *Nazareens* shall increase and multiply exceedingly, and spread themselves over the Face of the whole Earth. But they shall degenerate in Proportion as they prosper ; Corruption shall increase with them, and they shall devour one another by their Divisions and Sectaries : The Spirit of Persecution shall seize them, and in the Heat of their Zeal shall they eat one another up.

" Thou sawest a priestly Figure advance towards the *Genius* of *Rome*, already corrupted and brought low by *Luxury* and *Effeminacy* ; and swallow the *Genius* up. He is called the Monk

Monk *, of a Sect of the *Nazareens*, more powerful than all the others.

“ He shall compleat the Destruction of *Rome* by the Help of four evil Spirits, whose Names thou sawest written in his Forehead. These minister unto him, and are the Executors of all his Purposes ; and by their Means shall he subvert the Nations of the Earth, and tread upon the Necks of Kings.

“ *Rome* herself shall be the first to bow down her Neck unto the Yoke, and the *Monk* shall sink her Majesty and the Might of her Empire into Infamy everlasting : Her Glory shall be bury in Oblivion, and he shall become the Scorn and the Contempt of the Nations around her, because the Shamefulness of her Bondage, and the Slavishness of her Subjection to the Monk.

“ And the Empire of the Monk shall spread, and be extended over many Nations. The Heathen shall be subdued with his Beads, his Preachings, his Phylacteries, his false Miracles, his false Doctrines, and his Jugglings ; and where these fail, he shall make use of the Sword, and of all Kinds of Force, until he shall have subdued many Empires and Kingdoms, and Dominions, and Provinces.

“ For his Thirst after Power shall be insatiable : As for the *Nazareens* which shall refuse to bow down their Necks unto his Yoke, and to worship the Toe of his Slipper, them shall he persecute with the Sword, and with Fire, and with the Rack, and with all the horrid Instruments that Cruelty, and Pride, and Enthusiasm, and burning Zeal can devise, until he hath trampled all Opposition under his Feet ; until all Sense, and Reason, and Learning, and Justice, and all Arts and Sciences shall be laid in the Dust.

“ For his Empire shall be founded in Ignorance and Oppression, and by the same shall it be upheld, until Ignorance shall be no more, even until the last Ages of the World.”

And while *Ithuriel* was speaking these Things unto me, my Heart waxed heavy within me, and my Spirit became troubled, yea my Soul was grieved, because of the Desolation of Mankind.

And I said unto him, “ Alas ! my Lord, shall then the Empire of the Monk be extended over all the Nations of the Earth ? God forbid ! surely the Lord will not permit that the whole Creation be subverted.”

Then said *Ithuriel* unto me, “ Son of *Adriel*, what seeest thou towards the West ?” And I answered and said, “ Lo

* *The Church of Rome in general.*

I see

I see the *Tiber* extended as if it were the Sea ; and a large Island ariseth out of it ; and a thick, dark Cloud hangeth over the Island, spreading itself on all Sides beyond the Limits thereof."

And while I yet spake behold the Sun began to shine over the Island, and the Rays thereof were exceeding bright, and they pierced the Cloud, and dispersed it Abroad, until the Sun shone clearly on the Island : Then I saw that every thing appeared wondrous pleasant thereon, and Nature seemed to rejoice because the Cloud was dispersed, and because of the Presence of the Sun Beams.

And *Ishuriel* said unto me, " *Aaron*, I will now explain to thee the Island thou seest, and the Meaning of the Cloud.

" There is at this Day a Nation which inhabited an Island afar off, in the West, and towards the North ; but this Nation is yet of little Note among other Nations.

" Nevertheless the Ambition of *Rome* hath carried her Arms thither, and the Island at this Day groaneth beneath her Yoke ; and the Name of the Island is *Commercia*.

" The *Nazareens* have as yet no footing there ; howbeit it shall at length be subjected to the Power of the Monk, and he shall tyrannize there untill all the People cry out grievously because of the Oppression.

" Moreover he shall keep them in Blindness and Ignorance ; yea, they shall grope in the thick Darkness of Bigotry, and wander in the Fog of Superstition, unenlightened by Reason, and Science, Strangers to Wisdom, and Slaves to their own Folly.

" This is the Meaning of the Cloud thou sawest overspreading the Island ; yet shall not the Condition of this Nation be worse than the Condition of the Neighbouring Nations, for altogether shall be enveloped in that lamentable Darkness, which shall distinguish the Empire of the Monk from all other Empires.

" Nevertheless, as thou sawest the Sun disperse the Cloud of thick Darkness which hung over the Island, so also, when the Lord shall have enlightened the Understandings of the *Commercians*, and opened their Eyes that they may see their own Misery and the Cause thereof, so also, I say, shall the Empire of the Monk be destroyed in *Commercia*, yea, his Power shall vanish thence as a Cloud, and flee away as a Vapour ; nor shall the smallest Footsteps thereof be found in the Land, after the Lord shall have opened the Eyes of the People, and enlightened their Understandings.

" Then shall this People be distinguished as the Favourites of Heaven.

Heaven. Their Land shall be called the Land of Liberty, th Paradise of the Earth, and the Garden of God, For he shall make the Inhabitants thereof wise above all Nations; and they shall cultivate the Talents that he shall bless them with.

" Their Kings shall not tyrannize, their Nobles shall not oppress; their Laws shall be just, their Magistrates upright and active, their Preachers shall be holy and wise, their Soldiers valiant and brave; and all the People shall be Patriots, Lovers of their Country, Jealous of its Honour, Prosperity and Freedom.

" Their Lands shall be fertile through Nature, and rich through the Skill of the Husbandman; their Cities shall be made wealthy by the Industry of the Merchant, and the Seas covered with the Multitude of their Ships: All Nations admiring their Virtues, shall stand in Fear of their Power, while they value their Friendship, and court their Alliance.

" In this happy Island, Oh! *Aaron*, shall Millions of thy Fellow-Creatures freely worship the Lord their God, according to the Word of his Commandments, and the Voice of that Reason which God hath given them, that their worship may be solid and rational. Nor shall the Monk any more pervert their Understandings with the Foolishness of his Inventions."

Now while *Ithuriel* was yet speaking, and while my Face was yet set against the West, and towards the North, I saw and behold the Main-Land over-against the East-Side of the Island, became Marsh-Land before my Eyes, even that which had been fellow Ground, and good Pasture, was changed into a wet Morass.

And suddenly the Marshy Ground was divided by Ditches, and by Trenches, and by Canals, into innumerable Parcels, and the Water ran off into the Ditches, so that the Residue of the Land became dry, even all the Parcels that were divided, as Fields for Pasture.

And as I was about to Question the Heavenly Interpreter that stood by me concerning this Transformation, I saw yet a greater Wonder.

For anon there arose innumerable Towns, and Cities, and Villages, and Castles, and Palaces, out of the Earth, and all the Buildings remained firm upon the Parcels of Land that were divided by the Ditches, and Trenches, and Canals.

And the Cities, and Towns, and all the Buildings were full of Inhabitants, and the Canals were covered with Ships and with small Vessels, and there was a great Bustling to and fro, and

and a mighty Appearance of Trade and Industry among the People. Moreover there seemed to be a great Affinity between these People and the Inhabitants of the Island: For the two Nations communed together by Means of their Ships, and formed an Alliance, so that each looked on the other as her Sister-Nation.

Then said *Ithuriel* unto me, “ give Ear Oh! *Aaron*, and thou shalt understand the Meaning of this other Nation which thou hast seen arise out of nothing.

“ The Land which thou sawest changed from found Land to a Morass, and afterwards divided and drained by Ditches and Canals into many Parcels, and on which a Multitude of Cities, and even a whole People arose; this is a mighty Nation which shall in Process of Time arise out of the Empire of the Monk, whose Cruelties and Idolatries, shall cause this People to become a free Nation; and it shall be called *Coalitia*.

“ Now the Country of the *Coalitians* being in the Neighbourhood of *Commercia*, subsisting on the same Principles, and upheld by the same Interest, shall be linked together in Amity. They shall grow and flourish together, and be called the *Sister-Nations*.

“ And these two Countries shall be to each other as a Buckler, and a Shield of Defence; in War shall they assist one another, and the one shall not make Peace without the other.

“ To them shall be given the Trade of all the Earth; their Subjects shall grow rich by Commerce, their Ships of War shall protect them by Water, and their valiant Soldiers by Land.

“ Them shall none dare to offend, nor shall their Enemies be able to prevail against them. Freedom shall reign in their Courts, and Liberty shall rule in their Cities. They shall be social among themselves, and Friends unto all Men, even to all the Nations of the Earth: Yea they shall be called the Protectors of Mankind, Guardians of the World, and the Liberties thereof.

“ And the *Commericians* shall be called Lords of the Deep, and the *Coalitians* shall be stiled High and Mighty Lords.”

And while *Ithuriel* yet spake I looked and saw on the Main Land, on the South-side beyond the Country of *Coalitia*, a fair and large Country, fruitful in all Things, both in the Produce of the Earth, and in Inhabitants: And the People, abounding in all Things, seemed to want for nothing.

Albeit I saw the Men of this Country gather themselves together against the *Coalitians*, to dispossess them of their Cities, and to drive them from their Habitations: And I marvelled greatly at the Sight, for without Provocation did these Men

(albeit they wanted for nought in their own Country) fall upon the *Coalitions* in great Numbers, and they prevailed against them and drove them from their Possessions.

Then said I unto the Celestial one that stood by me, " Let thy Servant I pray thee know who these Disturbers of their Neighbours are."

And he answered and said, " these are the *Gallians*, an Ancient and Mighty Nation, who waxing Wanton thro' the Greatness of their Power, shall seek to subdue and to root out all the Nations around them. And they shall prevail against many because of their Sins: For the Lord shall raise up the *Gallians* to be a Scourge, to scourge the Nations of the Earth, when they forget the Lord their God, and work Wickedness in his Sight.

" And it shall come to pass in the latter Days, which are yet afar off, when the *Gallians* shall have humbled and subdued many Countries, that they shall set their Faces against the *Coalitions*, and shall take their fenced Cities, and their strong Holds, and shall bring the whole Nation exceeding low, because of their Abominations before the Lord.

" And in those Days there shall be War also between the *Commercians* and the *Gallians*; for the Men of *Commercia* shall send forth their Armies to fight the Battles of the *Coalitions*; but they shall not prevail against the *Gallians*, as in Times past they prevailed against them, when the Lord was with *Commercia*: For the God of Holiness and Wisdom shall abandon the *Commercians* because of their Degeneracy, their Wickedness and their Folly.

" As the Sister-Nations rose and flourished together by their Wisdom and their Virtue, so shall they decline and perish together, because of their Corruption and Degeneracy.

" Therefore shall the Armies of the two Nations be discomfited in the Day of Battle, and flee from the Face of their Enemies, shutting themselves up in their fenced Cities and strong Holds.

" Nevertheless the fenced Cities and the strong Holds shall not be able to protect them; for they shall be given up to the Captains of the King of *Gallia*: And no Place shall be found strong enough to keep them out.

" Howbeit the Island of *Commercia* itself shall not quickly fall into the Hands of the *Gallians*, because it is an Island and defended by the Sea, and by the Ships of War.

" But the Men of *Commercia* shall be humbled and brought low in the Eyes of other Nations, yea even in their own Eyes shall they fall into Contempt, because the God of their Forefathers, who went out with their Armies to Battle, shall have forsaken them.

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“ For because of their Abominations shall he forsake them, yea because of their Misdeeds, their Corruptions, their Backslidings, and all their evil Ways shall he turn his Back on them, and deliver them up to the Power of their Enemies.

“ Thus, O! *Aaron*, thus Transitory is the Earthly Kingdoms : Thus short is the Date of Human Prosperity.

“ Stability is not in earthly Things; yet all that happeneth beneath the Sun is regular, for the Lord God governeth. All Things pass before him in the Rotation that he hath appointed, one Event succeeding another, and one Revolution following another.

“ *Babylon* is not, *Affyria* is not, and where is the Empire of the *Medes* and *Persians* ? Where is the Boundless Dominion of the *Greeks*, and where is the Mighty Kingdom of *Aegypt* ? Even *Rome* herself is falling from her lofty Pinnacle of Glory ; the barbarous Nations shall triumph in her Shame, and *Gallia* rise in Splendour from her Ruins.

“ *Gallia* shall be what *Rome* is now, but her Empire shall endure longer. Short is the Life of a Republick, the constant Prey of Ambition of her own Sons, whose Liberties lead to Faction, Corruption, Revolutions, and Ruin.

“ But Monarchies shall endure for a longer Season. The Subject envieth not the King, but the Son succeedeth the Father in Peace. Howbeit all Things are subject to the King of Kings who reigneth in Heaven, yea over all Things both above and below.”

And when *Ithuriel* had made an End of speaking, I answered and said unto him, “ is *Gallia* then more Righteous than the Nations around her, that the Lord shall thus bend their Necks under her Feet, and permit her to tread them in the Dust ?

The said *Ithuriel*, “ *Gallia* shall be more Righteous than the Nations whom she shall afflict, inasmuch as her Sons shall not degenerate from the Virtue of their Forefathers, nor idly neglect the Advantages that God shall cast in their Way.

“ For albeit her King is a Tyrant, and maketh his People Slaves, Hewers of Wood, and Drawers of Water ; albeit they are subject to the spiritual Empire of the Monk, and live in ignorance and Superstition, yet the Lord permitteth this, and therefore he will require nought from their Hands beyond the Ability he hath given them.

“ Therefore I say unto thee, the Lord shall prosper *Gallia* and lengthen out her Empire to an exceeding great Length : And she shall be as a Rod in the Hand of God to chastize the Wickedness of perverse and rebellious Nations.

“ But the *Commerciants*, and the *Coalitions*, whom he shall have blessed beyond all Nations, showering down upon them.

the Blessings of Liberty, Riches, and Plenty; what Returns are not due from them? What Ingratitude! O! Son of *Adriel*, if spurning at their bounteous Benefactor, they squander away the Blessings he gave them, and turn to evil Purposes the Talents he entrusted them with for their Improvements in all Things praise-worthy.

“ And this shall assuredly come to pass when the second *Augustus* shall reign in *Commercia*. A Generation shall then arise whom their Forefathers would be ashamed to own, because of the Corruption of their Morals, and the Degeneracy of their Manners.

“ A like Generation also at the same Time shall arise in *Co-alitia*, Men abandoned to Vice, and Strangers to the Wisdom and Virtue of their Ancestors. Men of sordid Desires, having their Souls subjected and enslaved thereto. Men regardless of the Voice of God in their own Consciences, calling upon them to quit themselves like Men in Defence of the glorious Privileges their Forefathers knew how to value, and even, if need were, to die for.

“ Thus, as the Sister-Nations arose together, and together improved in Virtue and Wisdom, as together they flourished and increased in Glory, and Power, and Happiness; so together shall they degenerate, and sink into Dishonour, Infamy, and Ruin.

“ Instead of the Wisdom, and Bravery, and Integrity which distinguished the *Commercians* in the Days of *Eliza*, there shall be neither Wisdom, nor Bravery, nor Integrity found in the Reign of *Augustus*.

“ As for the King himself, *Augustus* is his Name, and Honesty is with him, valiant and upright in his Heart, and simple* is his Soul. But what availeth Honesty without Genius, and Bravery without Discernment? Simplicity of Heart, and Integrity of Soul are Virtues indeed, but these alone form not the Statesman, neither do they constitute the Monarch.

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“ For in those Days the Nobles in *Commercia* shall be Spiritless, Vulgar, Vicious, and Effeminate. The Statesmen, ignorant, dishonest and self-interested: Men of no Genius; at Home despised, and Abroad laughed to Scorn.

“ Men hating Study, but for their own Advancement; and Labour, but for the Promotion of their Dependants, making to themselves Friends of the Mammon of Unrighteousness. Men Regardless of their Country's Welfare, leaving the Duties of their Office to Clerks and Underlings, and the Business of the State to Chances and Accidents.

“ Their Counsellors shall be Dependants and Parasites speaking nothing but soft Things and agreeable, saying all is well, where nothing is well, thereby smothering the Way to Evil and to Destruction.

“ Their Patriots, once the Glory of their Nation, and an Honour to their NATURE to MAN, shall then be a Disgrace to their Species, so that better Men shall say, *in whom now can we trust, since all are gone astray, are corrupt, and become abominable? We took them for Gods among Men, and lo! they are all CHEATS and HYPOCRITES, LIARS, and TRAITORS. Virtue and Honour dwell on their Tongues, but Dishonour and Vice are found in their Hearts.*

“ Their Senators shall be *Fools and Debauchees, Hirelings and Slaves*; their Judges Mercenary, insolent, and unlearned; their Magistrates covetous, lazy, sottish, cowardly, and void of Publick Spirit.

“ Their Soldiers shall be impious, Drunkards, Blasphemers, abandoned to all kinds of Sensuality, their Minds relaxing, and their Bodies enervating by their Vices, wherefore how shall they defend themselves or their Country in the Day of Battle?

“ Moreover the Majority of the People of all Ranks and Conditions, shall sink into the general Corruption; yea all, save a few, shall be Sharers in the National Degeneracy. Slaves unto Vice and Luxury, Sloth and Effeminacy.

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“ For in those Days the Nobles in *Commercia* shall be Spiritless, Vulgar, Vicious, and Effeminate. The Statesmen, ignorant, dishonest and self-interested: Men of no Genius; at Home despised, and Abroad laughed to Scorn.

“ Men hating Study, but for their own Advancement; and Labour, but for the Promotion of their Dependants, making to themselves Friends of the Mammon of Unrighteousness. Men Regardless of their Country's Welfare, leaving the Duties of their Office to Clerks and Underlings, and the Business of the State to Chances and Accidents.

“ Their Counsellors shall be Dependants and Parasites speaking nothing but soft Things and agreeable, saying all is well, where nothing is well, thereby smothering the Way to Evil and to Destruction.

“ Their Patriots, once the Glory of their Nation, and an Honour to their NATURE to MAN, shall then be a Disgrace to their Species, so that better Men shall say, *in whom now can we trust, since all are gone astray, are corrupt, and become abominable? We took them for Gods among Men, and lo! they are all CHEATS and HYPOCRITES, LIARS, and TRAITORS. Virtue and Honour dwell on their Tongues, but Dishonour and Vice are found in their Hearts.*

“ Their Senators shall be *Fools and Debauchees, Hirelings and Slaves*; their Judges Mercenary, insolent, and unlearned; their Magistrates covetous, lazy, sottish, cowardly, and void of Publick Spirit.

“ Their Soldiers shall be impious, Drunkards, Blasphemers, abandoned to all kinds of Sensuality, their Minds relaxing, and their Bodies enervating by their Vices, wherefore how shall they defend themselves or their Country in the Day of Battle?

“ Moreover the Majority of the People of all Ranks and Conditions, shall sink into the general Corruption; yea all, save a few, shall be Sharers in the National Degeneracy: Slaves unto Vice and Luxury, Sloth and Effeminacy.

“ Sensuality shall reign over them as a Tyrant, and rule them
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with a Power not to be controuled by the preaching of the Preachers; for albeit many shall preach good Things unto them, yet none shall be regarded.

“ For in these Days of Profligacy, Men shall be vain of their own Understanding, despising the Word and the Servants of God: Yea they shall deride the Priests of the Lord, saying, to one another, *wherefore regard we these Bablers, and the Craftiness of their Preachings? Do we not live in the Age of Improvement? have we not Learning ourselves, and are we not skilled in Philosophy?*

“ Thus shall Men make themselves drunk with the Fumes of their own Vanity. They shall indeed go into the Temple of God, they shall sit them down, they shall take Snuff, they shall bow to one another, they shall peep through Glasses, they shall rise up to pray, they shall lean on their Elbows, they shall sit down to Sleep.

“ Nevertheless all shall not sleep in the Tabernacle: For some, being Men of lively Fancies, shall give Ear to the Preacher, admire his Eloquence, and applaud his Capacity: Howbeit they shall go away and forget all, for albeit many shall approve, yet few shall amend.

“ Such shall be the *Commerciants* in the Days of *Augustus*. Wherefore God shall let loose his Vengeance against them. and shall plague them with Wars, and Rebellions, and Murders, so that both Man and Beast shall fall, the one by the Sword, the other by the Pestilence.

“ This shall be the State, these shall be the Judgments of the *Commerciants* in the Reign of *Augustus*; and they shall be humbled before their Enemies, and become a Derision among the Nations of the Earth.

“ But the Judgements that shall befall the *Coalitions* in those Days, shall be yet greater than the Judgements that shall befall the *Commerciants*.

“ For these shall be brought low by the Weakness and Folly of their Statesmen, their Magistrates, and their Rulers; but the *Coalitions* shall fall by their gross Wickedness, even by Wickedness far exceeding the Wickedness of their Neighbours the *Commerciants*.

“ For the latter shall insensibly be decoyed and betrayed into Wickedness by Luxury, and a gradual Declension of Manners, so that they shall the less clearly see their own Deformity. They shall only sell themselves to one another, and Barter, away their own Liberties piecemeal among themselves.

“ But the *Coalitions* shall at once plunge into the lowest Depth of Villainy. Unseduced by Luxury, or the bewitching Allurements of Sensuality; uninvited by Necessity the Offspring

spring of Profusion, untempted by the Cravings of Superfluity and Magnificence, unmoved by any Passion but AVARICE *insatiable*, they shall sell themselves to Destruction, yea, they shall purchase Ruin with their Eyes open.

“Thou shalt not want Strength, O! *Coalitia*, but thou shalt fall, yea, wilfully, into the Pit of thine own Wickedness.

“Thy Country shall be bought and sold, to thy deadly, thy ancient and open Enemy. Thy great Men in whom thou trustest, shall sell thee, yea they shall sell themselves for Money, they shall bind themselves in Chains of Gold, they shall become Slaves for Hire, until no more Money shall be given, and then they shall be made to bow down their Necks to the Oppressor, and to serve the Tyrant for nought.

“Nevertheless many shall repent them when it is too late, and shall take Counsel together, saying, *Let us take no more Money for Bribes, for behold when all is sold, the Corruptor shall take from us the Price of our Iniquity, and make us Hewers of Wood, and Drawers of Water, with the rest of the People who are sold, and we shall be Slaves together unto a People whom our Souls hate.*

“Nevertheless these Men shall not see their Folly, nor repent them of their Knavery, till it is too late. And when the CORRUPTOR shall perceive their wavering, he shall send forth his Armies to destroy and to lay waste, to take from them their Possessions, and to carry the People away Captive into a strange Land.

“And in those Days who shall pity, who shall arise to defend the *Coalitians*? For all Men shall say, *they have sold themselves, and let the Purchaser take what he hath purchased.*

“Nevertheless the *Commerciants* shall go forth to help them, for their own Sakes, and because of the War that shall be between *Commercia* and the *Gallians*: But they shall not be able to prevail against the *Gallians* because of their Folly: For in those Days the *Gallians* shall be the wise People, and the *Commerciants* foolish.

“Moreover they shall be unable to maintain such mighty Armies as the King of *Gallia* shall maintain, because he hath the Command of all the Wealth of his Subjects, and when he asketh Money no Man can say him nay: Moreover the Expenses of the War shall be rendered light unto him, because of his Conquests.

“But Money shall fall short among the *Commerciants*, because of the evil Management of the King's Treasures, yea their Money shall fail for want of Economy: Moreover they shall neglect the Advantages that God hath given them as an Island, and shall forget the Use of their Ships, by which their Forefathers

Forefathers became Mighty among the Nations, by which the wife *Cromwell* advanced his Name among the Powers of the Earth, and humbled the Pride of Kings.

“ Yea the *Commercians* shall despise these Advantages, and the Money that should uphold their Shipping, shall they squander away upon useless Armies, which they shall keep Abroad to be destroyed by the Sword, and by Sicknefs, and by Famine.

“ This, O *Aaron*, shall be the State of the Sister-Nations in the Days of their Degeneracy ; and great shall be their Punishment for a long Season ; yea the Wrath of the Lord shall be hot against them, and he shall not relent until they have an Attonement for their Sins and for their Folly, putting away their Abominations, their Degeneracy and Corruption from among them.”

And when *Ithuriel* had made an End of speaking, I said unto him, “ tell me I pray thee how long shall the Sword of *Gallia* triumph, and how long shall it be e’er the Glory of the Sister-Nations shall be restored ?”

Then answered me saying, “ When the *Coalitions* shall abolish the Form of their Government, and shall for ever root out their corrupt Rulers, then peradventure they shall be rescued from the Power of their Enemies : Albeit they shall never be able to recover all that the *Gallians* shall take from them, unless they purchase back their Possessions at a mighty Price, and by a Peace that shall be shameful, and with the Loss of many Privileges.

“ As for the *Commercians* they shall be humbled to the very Dust, and their Punishment shall last till they are innured to their Shame, and shall forget that ever it was not so.

“ And this shall be their State till a King shall arise among them full of Wisdom, and Courage, and Virtue, and Resolution, to preside in their Councils, and go forth with their Armies ; to discountenance Vice at Home, to subdue their Enemies Abroad ; to enforce the Laws, to encourage Merit, to distinguish the deserving Man from the Fool, the designing Knave, and the fawning Parasite.

“ When a King with a Genius shall sit on the Throne, a King, in whom shall be united the *Judgment* of ALFRED, the *Integrity* of GEORGE, the *Humanity* of FREDERICK, and the *Bravery* of WILLIAM, then shall the Glory of the *Commercians* revive, and they shall again become a mighty People. Albeit when such a King shall arise it is not given thee to know : Nevertheless do thou treasure up these Things in thine Heart, and write them in a Book, for the Time shall come when the Knowledge thereof shall be communicated unto the Sons of Men.

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